

CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL
FORUMS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

SHERATON UNIVERSAL HOTEL, UNIVERSAL CITY
OCTOBER 26, 20006

Chairperson Neil Struthers called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. Members present were: Neil Struthers, Dina Kimble, Max Turchen and David Rowan. Absent was Commissioner Jose Millan. There was a quorum.

I. WHAT WAS THE FEELING OF THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THIS?

- Having a forum during the CAC quarterly meetings is a good idea so people who attend meetings are informed of various issues.
- Needs a forum just for public works.
- Should have a forum on safety and health.
- Commissioner Turchen suggested that this committee have a public relations section and it should recognize successful programs/apprentices and advertise how to apply for apprenticeship.
- Commissioner Struthers briefly spoke about Proposition 1D and how useful it would be for apprentices if it passes.
- Commissioner Quick requested a continuation of the mini-forum during the CAC to a complete forum that can deal with recruiting women in apprenticeship.
- Mr. DeBrito requested that DAS forms be put on line and wanted to open the forms for public comment on line.
- Chief Rowan will put a suggestion box online in the next week or two where the public can suggest possible topics they want discussed during the forums. He wanted the attendees to walk away after the meetings knowing more and being more informed.

II. IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR UPCOMING CAC MEETINGS:

The topics listed below were suggested. The assembly prioritized the topics by show of hands. Following was the result:

- Activities of successful programs – Doing progressive things – 50
- Improving graduation rates – 46
- Impact of Infrastructure bonds on apprenticeship – 45
- Strategies to educate school counselors on apprenticeship – 44
- Women and Minorities in Apprenticeship – 31
- Public Works/Clarification of forms – 18
- Recognizing People in Apprenticeship - 16

- Transit Measure – 6
- DAS program approval process – Not appropriate for forum according to Commissioner Struthers
- Safety – Standing Committee on Safety will meet first and discuss possible topics

III. HOW OFTEN SHOULD FORUMS COMMITTEE MEET?

Commissioner Garcia suggested that there be a Forums meeting held every other CAC meeting. Commissioner Callahan agreed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Al Tweltridge suggested that it is important to bring all the players in apprenticeship together in a forum – the contractors, apprentices, educators, etc. but it will entail more than one hour discussion.
- Carl Simino suggested asking the statewide programs to discuss what is working and what's not.
- Commissioner Turchen recognized the presence of former commissioner Jeannie Holmes.
- Dick Freeman felt the topics were excellent. He wanted the data of graduation rates refined and pinpoint where programs are failing and succeeding (anecdotal).

The Standing Committee adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted:

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